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Widening the Path



Of the People: Widening the Path is a multi-year initiative that creates new opportunities for more Americans to engage with the Library of Congress and to add their perspectives to the Library's collections, allowing the national library to share a more inclusive American story.

Supported by an institutional grant from the Andrew W. Mellon foundation, Of the People: Widening the Path promotes outreach, technology innovation, and archives development for, and by, Black, Indigenous, and communities of color historically underrepresented in the United States and in the Library's collections.

Under the direction of the 14th Librarian of Congress, Dr. Carla Hayden, and in response to the national conversation about civil rights, the Library continues to re-imagine how it can address the unequal ways in which libraries, archives, and schools preserve and present the American story.

As part of the Library's vision to connect all Americans and to empower new generations and diverse audiences to explore its enduring treasury of information, Of the People will enhance and support diverse and inclusive participation in the creation and perpetuation of the nation's historical and creative record.

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Learn.

Internships & Fellowships

to expand opportunities to develop, manage, preserve, and use resources and research tools across the Library's collections

For Post-secondary Students, Early Professionals, and Scholars

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For individuals
and organizations

Community Collections Grants

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Community Collections

Grants to support contemporary cultural field research within diverse communities

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and Organizations**

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Represent.

Connecting Communities Digital Initiative Grants to encourage digital programs that add and amplify the stories of people whose voices have traditionally been minimized, and innovatively incorporate Library collections

For Libraries, Archives, Museums, Minority-Serving Higher Education Institutions

Connecting Communities Digital Initiative Grants

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Artist or Scholar in Residence

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Artist or Scholar in Residence to support the creation of new scholarly and/or artistic works that will deepen the connection between the Library of Congress and the lives and perspectives of Black, Indigenous, and other communities of color through new or re-imagined uses of technology.

For Artists and Scholars



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Champion efforts to further representation for all Americans within Library practices and collections.

For All



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